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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. ASANO et al (see attached)

For:  
STORAGE OPERATIONAL SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
PROVIDING THE STORAGE RENTAL SERVICE

Enclosed are:

11 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2002-002036  
filed January 9, 2002.  A certified copy is attached herewith.

Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  
 discussed in the specification or  attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

Specification: Abstract , Description 40 pages; and 9 claim(s).

Preliminary Amendment.

Executed Declaration.

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